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SUBJECT: Neuroradiologic Examinations

- 1. <u>Explanation of Material Transmitted:</u> This policy was reviewed by the Medical Executive Committee on 2 September 1997 and approved with changes.
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PURPOSE

This policy is designed to improve the quality of patient care and the efficiency of the diagnostic services provided by the Diagnostic Radiology Department, Clinical Center.

POLICY

In conjunction with the performance of invasive neuroradiologic examinations (e.g., cerebral angiograms, and myelograms) a neurologic or neurosurgical consultation is suggested and might be required by the neuroradiologist.

This requirement shall also be applicable to emergency head or spinal CT or MRI scans requested after hours.

PROCEDURE

A. General

The physician immediately responsible for the patient's care shall initiate the request for consultation. Requests should be to the Neurology consultant, Room 5N226, phone 496-1561.

B. <u>Emergency</u>

1. Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Contact either the Medical Neurology consultant (by page or by phone, 496-1561) or the Surgical Neurology consultant (by page or by phone, 496-2921).

2. After Hours:

The NINDS Clinical Associate on call should be contacted. This individual will assist in evaluating the patient and will decide if the procedure is indicated on an emergent basis. In the event of disagreements in evaluation or complex diagnostic problems, a senior staff neurologist/neurosurgeon should be consulted.